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SUBJ: LIECHTENSTEIN FIRM REPORTEDLY INVOLVED

IN ARMS TRANSFER TO SOMALIA

1. BEGIN SUMMARY:

SWITZERLANDS MASS CIRCULATION DAILY, "TAT", HAS OVER PAST WEEK BEEN REPORTING ON A TRANSFER OF ARMS FROM BUDAPEST TO MOGAQISCIO ALLEGEDLY ARRANGED BY A LIECHTENSTEIN "LETTERBOX" FIRM, ICW SYSTEMS TRUST. END SUMMARY

2. TAT REPORTS THE FOLLOWING:

UNDER CONTRACT WITH SOMALIA'S DEFENSE MINISTRY AND WITH ASSISTANCE OF SOMALIAN AMBASSADOR TO SWITZERLAND (RESIDENT IN PARIS), ICW ALLEGEDLY PURCHASED IN BUDAPEST, 600 TONS OF SOVIET-MADE
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ARMS VALUED AT 10 MILLION DOLLARS AND HAD THEM SHIPPED TO MOGADISCIO VIA AIR TRANS LTD., A MIAMI AIR TRANSPORT FIRM. (AN AMERICAN EMPLOYEE BY THE NAME OF WARTON IS SAID TO HAVE HANDLED TRANSACTION. ANOTHER AMERICAN, MARSHALL MICHAEL LANDY, IS ALSO REPORTED AS BEING IN SOME WAY INVOLVED WITH AIR TRANS LTD.)

3. TO OBTAIN AN EXPORT LICENSE FROM HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES, ICW SUPPOSEDLY HAD TO FALSIFY DOCUMENTS SHOWING THE DESTINATION OF THE ARMS TO BE LAGOS, NIGERIA INSTEAD OF SOMALIA. ICW ALLEGEDLY PURCHASED THE ARMS FROM THE HUNGARIAN STATE FOREIGN TRADE ENTERPRISE, TECHNIKA. THE NEWSPAPER REPORTED THAT ICW OBTAINED A SUBSTANTIAL CREDIT TO FINANCE ARMS TRANSACTION FROM SWISS BANK CORPORATION BY PRESENTING FALSE DOCUMENTS SHOWING AIR FREIGHT TO BE AUTOMOBILE PARTS.

4. ACCORDING TO TAT, HERBERT WILLE, GOVERNMENT OF LIECHTENSTEIN SECRETARY FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS IS CONDUCTING PRINCIPALITY'S INVESTIGATION.

5. NEUE ZURCHER ZEITUNG REPORTED ON JANUARY 12 THAT, ICW HAS BEEN GIVEN UNTIL JANUARY 23 TO ELIMINATE SUSPICION IT ACTED AS MIDDLEMAN IN TRANSFER OF SOVIET-MADE ARMS TO SOMALIA. ACCORDING TO A LIECHTENSTEIN GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN, IF FIRM CANNOT DO SO, PRINCIPALITY'S AUTHORITIES WILL CLOSE OFFICE OF ICW.
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